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TEXAS
LABOR MARKET REVIEW

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION | DECEMBER 1989 | AUSTIN, TX 78778

TEC THANKS TEXAS EMPLOYERS!

SPECIAL THANKS!

During this Holiday Season, we at the Texas Employment Commission wish to once again take the opportunity to thank all those who have participated in our various programs throughout the year. Your continued cooperation makes many of these programs possible. Best wishes to all Texas employers for a prosperous New Year in 1990!

Unemployment Rises Over Month

The number of jobless Texans rose considerably between October and November, as the unemployment rate in the actual series rose from 6.0 percent to 6.9 percent over the month. There were over 75,000 more people looking for jobs in November, with unemployment totaling 575,300 at mid-month. Total employment declined slightly, to a level of 7,751,800 in November. The current unemployment rate was also slightly above the 6.6 percent recorded in November 1988.

Unemployment also rose in the seasonally adjusted series, where the November rate was 7.2 percent compared to 6.4 percent in October. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate inched upward from 5.3 percent to 5.4 percent in November, while the rate in the actual series increased from 5.0 percent to 5.2 percent over the month.

Wage and Salary Employment Rises

The number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas rose by almost 25,000 between October and November, to a new record high. **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** totaled 6,857,600 in November, an increase of 115,000 from the year-ago level.

The bulk of the over-the-month growth was due to hiring for the Christmas season

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov.'89	Oct.'89	Nov.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	124,663.0	124,416.0	122,639.0
Unemployment	6,495.0	6,222.0	6,325.0
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.0%	5.2%
Total Employment	118,168.0	118,194.0	116,314.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,515.0	124,106.0	122,510.0
Unemployment	6,729.0	6,561.0	6,563.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.3%	5.4%
Total Employment	117,786.0	117,545.0	115,947.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,327.1	8,292.6	8,365.7
Unemployment	575.3	500.1	548.5
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	6.0%	6.6%
Total Employment	7,751.8	7,792.5	7,817.2
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,265.0	8,287.0	8,308.0
Unemployment	597.0	534.0	583.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	6.4%	7.0%
Total Employment	7,668.0	7,753.0	7,725.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

Industry	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	49,700	49,600	49,800	76,800	76,600	77,000	359,200	357,900	356,400	136,500	135,700	134,000
Manufacturing	5,100	5,100	4,900	8,600	8,700	9,100	42,200	42,400	41,500	25,600	25,500	25,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	1,100	1,100	1,300	700	700	700	2,000	2,000	1,900
Construction	1,700	1,700	2,100	3,800	3,800	3,700	12,900	12,900	14,100	10,000	9,900	9,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,400	5,700	5,600	5,500	10,600	10,500	10,500	9,500	9,400	9,400
Trade	13,700	13,600	13,800	22,800	22,500	22,900	77,300	76,700	77,100	32,900	32,500	32,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400	4,000	4,000	4,300	23,800	23,800	24,300	5,200	5,200	5,200
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,400	13,100	17,100	17,200	16,600	86,600	86,700	84,600	30,500	30,500	29,600
Government	9,000	9,000	9,000	13,700	13,700	13,600	105,100	104,200	103,600	20,800	20,700	20,600
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	61,900	61,600	59,900	70,800	70,100	69,300	53,000	52,300	51,500	127,600	127,500	125,700
Manufacturing	16,000	16,000	15,600	10,200	10,100	10,000	3,600	3,700	3,400	11,400	11,400	11,300
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900	—	—	—	500	600	600	4,000	4,000	4,300
Construction	7,500	7,400	7,200	2,200	2,200	2,100	1,700	1,800	2,000	10,000	9,900	8,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,600	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,600	1,500	1,500	6,200	6,400	6,500
Trade	11,400	11,300	11,200	18,500	18,000	18,100	11,200	10,700	11,000	31,900	31,800	31,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	6,900	6,900	7,000
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	8,300	16,200	16,200	15,500	9,300	9,000	9,100	29,300	29,300	28,700
Government	11,600	11,500	11,100	17,000	16,900	16,900	23,500	23,400	22,300	27,900	27,800	28,000
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,368.7	1,365.9	1,351.9	200,700	199,900	196,100	543,600	541,700	529,400	71,000	71,000	71,400
Manufacturing	220.8	220.2	223.1	40,600	41,400	40,600	120,800	121,000	121,300	8,600	8,400	8,300
Mining	16.9	16.9	18.3	—	—	—	4,000	4,000	3,700	500	500	500
Construction	50.5	51.0	52.4	8,200	8,000	8,800	23,100	23,000	22,400	4,800	4,600	5,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	97.5	97.1	92.3	10,800	10,900	10,700	32,600	32,700	30,400	4,800	4,800	4,600
Trade	357.1	353.2	351.0	50,300	49,500	46,700	140,200	139,200	137,500	13,800	13,900	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	125.5	125.9	128.1	8,300	8,300	8,400	27,200	27,100	26,500	4,000	4,000	4,200
Services & Misc.	344.6	345.6	335.0	39,100	38,700	39,400	123,800	123,400	118,200	14,300	14,500	13,900
Government	155.8	156.0	151.7	43,400	43,100	41,500	71,900	71,300	69,400	20,200	20,300	20,900
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,495.0	1,487.9	1,455.8	72,200	72,400	72,000	42,400	42,000	39,400	67,100	66,800	66,100
Manufacturing	158.3	158.5	155.8	8,500	8,500	8,400	2,000	2,100	1,900	15,500	15,300	15,600
Mining	67.1	67.0	67.2	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	91.3	91.1	87.7	3,100	3,300	3,700	1,300	1,300	1,000	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.9	100.6	101.5	2,600	2,700	2,700	5,900	5,800	5,000	3,200	3,200	3,000
Trade	370.2	365.8	362.0	16,700	16,600	16,500	13,400	13,200	11,600	17,400	17,200	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.4	99.5	101.2	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,600	2,700	2,600
Services & Misc.	406.3	405.5	385.9	16,500	16,600	16,200	6,700	6,600	6,400	13,000	13,000	12,200
Government	201.5	199.9	194.3	21,600	21,500	21,300	9,700	9,600	10,000	8,600	8,600	8,500
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	98,000	97,200	95,000	97,800	95,800	99,500	44,300	43,900	45,000	42,500	42,300	43,100
Manufacturing	7,500	7,600	7,500	14,000	13,700	14,000	2,500	2,500	2,700	3,900	3,900	4,000
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,500	9,400	9,900	5,800	5,700	5,800
Construction	3,300	3,200	3,200	4,100	4,200	4,200	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,700	1,800	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,100	4,900	4,800	3,100	3,100	3,200	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	29,200	28,900	28,300	30,100	29,000	31,700	10,200	10,000	10,200	12,900	12,600	12,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,500	3,800	3,700	3,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,600	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,900	23,700	23,100	16,700	16,500	16,200	9,400	9,400	9,600	7,100	7,100	7,200
Government	23,000	22,900	22,200	25,100	24,700	25,600	6,900	6,800	6,600	7,400	7,500	7,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,200	36,000	36,900	510,500	509,200	505,700	37,200	37,100	37,100	47,200	46,900	45,200
Manufacturing	5,300	5,400	5,400	47,800	47,600	47,900	10,900	11,000	10,900	7,600	7,600	7,500
Mining	500	500	500	2,100	2,100	2,200	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,500	21,900	21,900	23,200	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	3,100	19,000	18,900	19,000	1,600	1,600	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	9,100	9,100	9,300	127,100	126,100	129,200	8,100	7,900	7,900	10,900	10,800	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,500	40,700	39,600	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,200	8,000	8,100	129,400	130,000	126,000	8,700	8,700	8,500	9,900	9,800	9,500
Government	7,500	7,400	7,200	122,700	121,900	118,600	4,300	4,300	4,400	13,200	13,100	12,200
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	61,300	61,100	60,800	29,100	28,200	27,300	80,300	80,200	80,300	50,700	50,700	51,300
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	10,700	3,100	3,100	3,000	15,200	15,200	14,900	8,000	8,000	8,300
Mining	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,400	1,300	1,400	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,000	3,000	3,600	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,500	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,400	3,400	3,400	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,200	16,200	16,300	7,900	7,600	7,700	19,000	18,700	18,800	12,300	12,200	12,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,300	3,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,800	4,800	4,900	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,800	14,500	6,000	6,000	6,100	22,000	22,200	21,700	12,100	12,000	11,900
Government	9,600	9,400	9,500	6,300	5,800	4,900	12,800	12,800	12,900	9,700	9,900	10,000

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in several sectors of Retail Trade. Although these additions comprised about two-thirds of the total increase in November, every major industry group except Manufacturing recorded at least a modest gain over the month.

Employers in **Wholesale and Retail Trade** created almost 17,000 jobs in November. Half of these positions were in General Merchandise Stores—the sector which usually hires the largest number of seasonal workers. Other Retail Trade, which includes jewelry and other specialty stores, as well as catalog firms, also increased substantially. Apparel and Accessory Stores added over 2,000 jobs for the Christmas rush. The other Retail Trade sector which rose considerably in November was Eating and Drinking Places, which benefited from holiday shoppers eating out.

Some sizeable gains and a few small losses kept the increase in **Services** to a moderate level in November. Only two sectors showed strong increases—Business and Repair Services and Health Services. More business and new contracts brought gains in Business Services, while a large portion of the increase in Personal Services was centered among Laundry, Cleaning and Garment Services. Within Health Services, a number of large medical facilities expanded to provide additional services, pushing employment upward. Losses occurred in Educational Services and in Amusement, including Motion Pictures.

Final hiring of auxiliary staff for the fall semester at local schools and colleges pushed employment up in Local Government, and all sectors of Federal Government rose in November, pushing total employment in **Government** up by over 3,000. State Government was basically unchanged between October and November.

Mining registered its largest over-the-month increase since June, with a gain of 900 jobs, primarily in Oil and Gas Extraction. This industry is still over 5,000 below its year-ago level, and has even lost jobs since January 1989.

All three sectors of **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** generated small gains in November, pushing the total up by 800. The largest of the additions occurred among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers, while Banking and the Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate sector recorded only minimal growth.

Departing from normal seasonal trends, **Transportation and Public Utilities** recorded a total gain of only 100 jobs in November. Within Transportation, which usually expands to accommodate holiday travelers, layoffs following the bankruptcy of an air carrier actually pushed employment down over the month. Modest increases in

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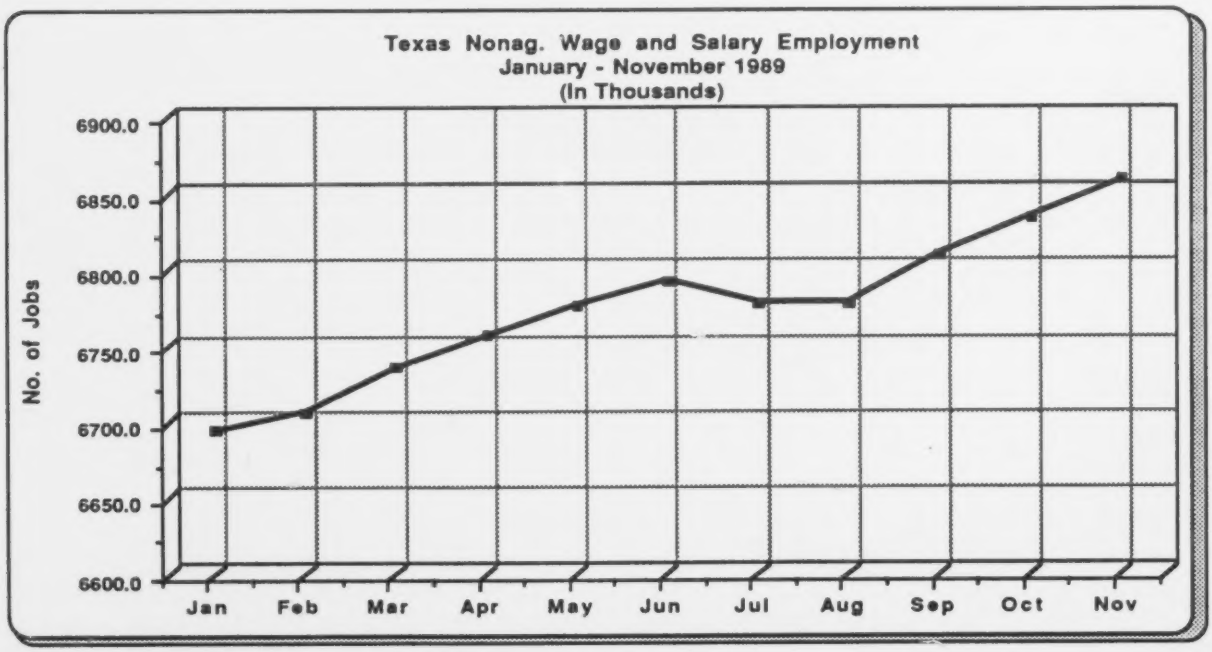

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Nov.'89*	Oct.'89**	Nov.'88**	Chg. from Oct.'89	Chg. from Nov.'88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,857,600**	**6,832,800**	**6,742,200**	**24,800**	**115,400**
MANUFACTURING	**969,900**	**970,400**	**967,700**	**-500**	**2,200**
Durable Goods	**554,300**	**555,300**	**558,400**	**-1,000**	**-4,100**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,800	32,000	34,000	-200	-2,200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,800	7,100	0	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,700	16,700	16,500	0	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,200	41,400	42,000	-200	-800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	16,600	16,900	17,300	-300	-700
Primary Metal Industries	28,400	28,500	28,600	-100	-200
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,900	77,600	77,000	300	900
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,100	37,000	36,300	100	800
Machinery, exc. Electrical	104,300	104,600	105,300	-300	-1,000
Oil Field Machinery	23,800	24,000	25,400	-200	-1,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,000	115,900	117,500	100	-1,500
Transportation Equipment	98,700	99,200	98,500	-500	200
Aircraft & Parts	57,400	57,200	56,800	200	600
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,600	24,600	24,200	0	400
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,700	14,800	14,800	-100	-100
Nondurable Goods	**415,600**	**415,100**	**409,300**	**500**	**6,300**
Food & Kindred Products	99,400	98,800	98,900	600	500
Meat Products	29,800	29,600	29,200	200	600
Dairy Products	4,400	4,500	4,600	-100	-200
Bakery Products	9,800	9,800	10,000	0	-200
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,100	0	-200
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	59,600	59,600	56,900	0	2,700
Paper & Allied Products	25,700	25,600	25,200	100	500
Printing & Publishing	75,000	75,000	75,700	0	-700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,900	34,800	35,900	100	-1,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,900	80,000	77,200	-100	2,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,400	28,300	28,900	100	-500
Petroleum Refining	25,300	25,200	25,600	100	-300
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,200	8,400	200	0
Other Nondurable Goods	35,300	35,700	34,300	-400	1,000
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,887,700**	**5,862,400**	**5,774,500**	**25,300**	**113,200**
Mining	**177,300**	**176,400**	**182,700**	**900**	**-5,400**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	8,800	8,900	9,200	-100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	168,500	167,500	173,500	1,000	-5,000
Construction	**315,400**	**315,400**	**323,200**	**0**	**-7,800**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**405,800**	**405,700**	**395,400**	**100**	**10,400**
Railroad Transportation	18,700	18,700	19,700	0	-1,000
Transportation, exc. Railroads	228,200	228,600	217,800	-400	10,400
Transportation by Air	70,600	70,900	66,400	-300	4,200
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	82,400	82,200	81,800	200	600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,500	76,200	76,100	300	400
Electric Services	40,700	40,600	40,700	100	0
Gas Production & Distribution	27,600	27,400	27,700	200	-100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,680,500**	**1,663,700**	**1,672,400**	**16,800**	**8,100**
Wholesale Trade	418,900	418,100	412,800	800	6,100
Retail Trade	1,261,600	1,245,600	1,259,600	16,000	2,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,200	43,700	42,400	-500	800
General Merchandise Stores	181,800	173,900	177,000	7,900	4,800
Food Stores	218,700	218,200	226,600	500	-7,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,300	133,000	135,800	-700	-3,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	86,100	84,000	85,600	2,100	500
Eating & Drinking Places	413,700	410,600	408,800	3,100	4,900
Other Retail Trade	185,800	182,200	183,400	3,600	2,400
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**441,700**	**440,900**	**439,200**	**800**	**2,500**
Banking	97,400	97,200	95,200	200	2,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,900	144,400	141,000	500	3,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	199,400	199,300	203,000	100	-3,600
Services	**1,621,100**	**1,617,700**	**1,549,800**	**3,400**	**71,300**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,400	83,900	82,200	500	2,200
Personal Services	85,900	85,200	85,700	700	200
Business & Repair Services	461,600	460,300	435,400	1,300	26,200
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	59,100	59,400	55,200	-300	3,900
Health Services	444,800	443,600	426,300	1,200	18,500
Educational Services	78,300	79,000	78,200	-700	100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	407,000	406,300	386,800	700	20,200
Total Government	**1,245,900**	**1,242,600**	**1,211,800**	**3,300**	**34,100**
Federal Government	200,800	199,500	196,200	1,300	4,600
State Government	261,600	261,700	247,100	-100	14,500
Local Government	783,500	781,400	768,500	2,100	15,000

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,500	53,500	54,500	97,600	97,300	99,800	423,300	422,500	429,700
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,100	3,000	5,600	4,800	5,900	22,300	20,400	22,800
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	5.8%	5.5%	5.7%	4.9%	5.9%	5.3%	4.8%	5.3%
Total Employment ++	50,200	50,400	51,500	92,000	92,500	93,900	401,000	402,100	406,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,900	161,800	164,000	84,600	84,200	83,500	100,800	99,700	98,400
Total Unemployment	14,400	12,100	14,700	6,200	5,100	5,900	12,400	11,000	10,900
Percent Unemployed	8.8%	7.5%	9.0%	7.3%	6.1%	7.1%	12.3%	11.0%	11.1%
Total Employment ++	148,500	149,700	149,300	78,400	79,100	77,600	88,400	88,700	87,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,400	61,200	61,000	157,200	156,300	158,000	1,452.3	1,451.5	1,467.5
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,400	2,500	13,300	11,300	12,900	81.1	72.6	77.8
Percent Unemployed	4.4%	3.9%	4.1%	8.5%	7.2%	8.2%	5.6%	5.0%	5.3%
Total Employment ++	58,700	58,800	58,500	143,900	145,000	145,100	1,371.2	1,378.9	1,389.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	248,800	245,900	244,900	691,600	688,900	690,200	104,500	104,200	106,400
Total Unemployment	28,000	23,800	24,800	40,400	34,800	38,500	8,600	7,500	7,900
Percent Unemployed	11.3%	9.7%	10.1%	5.8%	5.1%	5.6%	8.2%	7.2%	7.4%
Total Employment ++	220,800	222,100	220,100	651,200	654,100	651,700	95,900	96,700	98,500
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,655.9	1,649.1	1,643.3	96,200	96,100	96,700	51,700	49,900	48,700
Total Unemployment	99.4	88.6	97.1	7,400	6,600	7,200	6,400	4,900	5,700
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	5.4%	5.9%	7.7%	6.9%	7.4%	12.4%	9.8%	11.7%
Total Employment ++	1,556.5	1,560.5	1,546.2	88,800	89,500	89,500	45,300	45,000	43,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,400	79,000	80,000	116,000	115,000	115,300	160,400	154,100	160,600
Total Unemployment	6,600	5,800	6,400	5,400	4,600	5,300	29,700	25,300	25,200
Percent Unemployed	8.3%	7.3%	8.0%	4.7%	4.0%	4.6%	18.5%	16.4%	15.7%
Total Employment ++	72,800	73,200	73,600	110,600	110,400	110,000	130,700	128,800	135,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,800	48,700	50,000	51,200	51,000	53,300	44,700	44,200	45,800
Total Unemployment	3,000	2,700	2,700	3,900	3,600	3,900	2,900	2,400	2,500
Percent Unemployed	6.1%	5.5%	5.4%	7.6%	7.1%	7.3%	6.5%	5.4%	5.5%
Total Employment ++	45,800	46,000	47,300	47,300	47,400	49,400	41,800	41,800	43,300
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	605,800	603,500	612,300	47,200	47,000	48,500	58,500	58,000	57,900
Total Unemployment	46,300	40,700	43,700	2,900	2,400	3,000	3,900	3,400	4,200
Percent Unemployed	7.6%	6.7%	7.1%	6.1%	5.1%	6.2%	6.7%	5.9%	7.3%
Total Employment ++	559,500	562,800	568,600	44,300	44,600	45,500	54,600	54,600	53,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,700	74,600	75,300	37,200	36,500	36,200	92,800	92,500	94,000
Total Unemployment	5,100	4,700	5,200	2,200	1,900	2,100	5,800	4,800	5,300
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	6.3%	6.9%	5.9%	5.2%	5.8%	6.3%	5.2%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	69,600	69,900	70,100	35,000	34,600	34,100	87,000	87,700	88,700
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,500	56,300	57,900				8,327.1	8,292.6	8,365.7
Total Unemployment	3,600	2,900	3,200				575.3	500.1	548.5
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	5.2%	5.5%				6.9%	6.0%	6.6%
Total Employment ++	52,900	53,400	54,700				7,751.8	7,792.5	7,817.2

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	NOV.'89	OCT.'89	NOV.'88	NOV.'89	OCT.'89	NOV.'88	NOV.'89	OCT.'89	NOV.'88
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 426.82	$ 427.43	$ 418.42	41.6	41.7	41.8	$ 10.26	$10.25	$10.01
Durable Goods	428.87	425.98	417.48	41.8	41.6	42.0	10.26	10.24	9.94
Lumber & Wood Products	292.33	295.30	290.28	40.1	41.3	41.0	7.29	7.15	7.08
Furniture & Fixtures	271.99	262.36	266.38	38.8	38.3	40.3	7.01	6.85	6.61
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	395.78	398.16	396.58	41.4	42.0	42.1	9.56	9.48	9.42
Primary Metal Industries	469.53	466.07	451.02	42.3	41.8	41.8	11.10	11.15	10.79
Fabricated Metal Products	394.48	392.90	390.96	42.6	42.8	43.2	9.26	9.18	9.05
Machinery, exc. Electric	431.11	420.58	430.57	42.6	41.6	43.1	10.12	10.11	9.99
Oil Field Machinery	518.97	507.48	497.96	44.7	43.3	44.5	11.61	11.72	11.19
Electric & Electronic Equip.	477.66	477.24	445.05	41.9	41.9	41.4	11.40	11.39	10.75
Transportation Equipment	563.92	563.64	552.11	42.4	42.0	42.7	13.30	13.42	12.93
Instruments & Related Prod.	395.52	384.34	372.17	40.4	39.5	39.3	9.79	9.73	9.47
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	302.13	293.83	272.31	40.5	39.6	38.3	7.46	7.42	7.11
Nondurable Goods	424.76	429.29	418.74	41.4	41.8	41.5	10.26	10.27	10.09
Food & Kindred Products	356.40	359.82	338.21	43.2	43.3	41.6	8.25	8.31	8.13
Meat Products	290.61	291.94	247.04	43.7	44.1	40.3	6.65	6.62	6.13
Malt Beverages	768.75	786.82	766.26	42.1	42.6	43.0	18.26	18.47	17.82
Textile Mill Products	333.65	323.17	321.29	43.5	42.3	43.3	7.67	7.64	7.42
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	195.52	208.26	203.84	37.1	39.0	39.2	5.27	5.34	5.20
Paper & Allied Products	497.25	489.92	478.24	44.2	43.9	44.2	11.25	11.16	10.82
Printing & Publishing	408.60	404.42	405.67	39.1	38.7	39.5	10.45	10.45	10.27
Chemicals & Allied Products	686.74	694.22	672.10	43.3	43.2	42.7	15.86	16.07	15.74
Petroleum & Coal Products	710.74	715.65	703.56	44.2	44.7	44.0	16.08	16.01	15.99
Petroleum Refining	737.26	742.14	733.72	44.2	44.6	44.2	16.68	16.64	16.60
Leather & Leather Products	246.21	253.26	244.90	40.1	40.2	39.5	6.14	6.30	6.20
Other Nondurable Goods	380.26	384.29	391.49	40.8	41.5	42.6	9.32	9.26	9.19
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	525.44	527.80	499.82	40.7	40.6	39.7	12.91	13.00	12.59
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	545.26	557.64	517.36	45.1	46.9	44.6	12.09	11.89	11.60
Oil & Gas Extraction	523.99	525.82	499.20	40.4	40.2	39.4	12.97	13.08	12.67
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	506.97	512.32	499.50	39.7	39.9	39.3	12.77	12.84	12.71
Elec., Gas & San. Services	515.75	529.31	479.81	40.9	41.0	39.2	12.61	12.91	12.24
Wholesale & Retail Trade	236.20	238.31	230.69	32.4	32.6	32.4	7.29	7.31	7.12
Wholesale Trade	419.76	421.34	402.98	39.6	39.9	39.2	10.60	10.56	10.28
Retail Trade	182.10	183.31	179.36	30.3	30.4	30.4	6.01	6.03	5.90
General Merchandise Stores	177.59	181.19	172.28	29.5	29.9	29.2	6.02	6.06	5.90
Banking	275.23	295.71	267.54	36.6	39.8	36.7	7.52	7.43	7.29

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 439.88	$ 434.47	$ 418.08	42.5	42.1	41.6	$ 10.35	$ 10.32	$ 10.05
Durable Goods	465.70	467.42	444.78	43.2	43.2	42.0	10.78	10.82	10.59
Nondurable Goods	397.44	380.43	373.92	41.4	40.3	41.0	9.60	9.44	9.12
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	457.26	457.56	441.00	40.9	41.0	41.1	11.18	11.16	10.73
Durable Goods	482.51	484.92	465.92	41.1	41.2	41.6	11.74	11.77	11.20
Nondurable Goods	398.93	394.79	383.36	40.5	40.7	40.1	9.85	9.70	9.56
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	518.84	519.47	504.50	43.6	43.8	44.1	11.90	11.86	11.44
Durable Goods	440.12	431.32	430.59	44.1	43.7	44.9	9.98	9.87	9.59
Nondurable Goods	617.33	627.33	596.16	43.2	43.9	43.2	14.29	14.29	13.80
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	301.95	299.49	296.11	40.1	40.2	39.8	7.53	7.45	7.44
Durable Goods	333.56	335.79	315.32	39.9	40.9	38.5	8.36	8.21	8.19
Nondurable Goods	276.34	268.88	279.21	40.4	39.6	41.0	6.84	6.79	6.81

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

Communication and in Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services were barely sufficient to overcome the loss in Transportation.

In **Manufacturing**, the trend of recent months continued, with the Nondurable Goods sector producing growth while Durable Goods lost jobs. For years, **Durable Goods** was the stronger of the two, but losses in oil and construction-related Durable industries, along with the fluctuations in industries producing computer components, have depressed many sectors of Durable Goods in 1989.

For example, Lumber and Wood Products is currently over 2,000 jobs below its year-ago employment level. Electric and Electronic Equipment has lost 1,500 jobs in the past year; and Nonelectrical Machinery is 1,000 below the November 1988 estimate. No Durable Goods industry has gained as many as 1,000 jobs in the past 12 months, and the total for this sector is down over 4,000 jobs.

On the other hand, **Nondurable Goods** has gained over 6,000 jobs over the past year, and only one sector (Printing and Publishing) has lost more than 500 jobs during this period. The two Nondurable Goods sectors which have shown the largest increases are both industries which suffered large losses earlier in the decade due to plants closing and relocating overseas. Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products and Chemicals and Allied Products each gained 2,700 jobs between November 1988 and November 1989.

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Between October and November 1989, Nondurable Goods generated 500 jobs, but Durable Goods lost 1,000, leaving Manufacturing employment down 500.

Average Weekly Earnings Decrease

For the estimated 628,900 Texas Manufacturing Production workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by one cent between October and November, while Average Weekly Hours decreased by one tenth of an hour, dropping Average Weekly Earnings by 61 cents over the month. Most of the decline in the number of hours worked was in the Nondurable Goods sector.

In mid-November a worker, on average, was earning $10.26 per hour for a 41.6-hour week, and making $426.82 in Weekly Earnings. The number of hours worked was basically unchanged both from a month ago and a year ago, with Average Hourly Earnings rising 25 cents over the year, causing Average Weekly Earnings to rise by $8.40 from the November 1988 level.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	NOV.'89	NOV.'88
Total Population	16,915,200*	16,856,400*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.6
UI Covered Employers	311,918	312,026
Total Claims Actions	533,974	544,650
Total Initial Claims Actions	71,047	63,625
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	462,927	481,025
Total Placements	32,067	30,887
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.10	$151.36
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$61,752,731	$61,216,848

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.